

Land Acquisition and State Assistance/Land Acquisition Administration**JUSTIFICATION OF PROGRAM AND PERFORMANCE**

Activity: Federal Land Acquisition Administration

	2001 Enacted	Uncontr/ Related Changes	Program Changes (+/-)	2002 Budget Request	Change From 2001 (+/-)
Land Acquisition Administration	11,475	+243	+257	11,975	+500
Total Requirements \$(000)	11,475	+243	+257	11,975	+500

AUTHORIZATION

16 U. S. C. 4601-4-11, et seq.

OVERVIEW

The **Land Acquisition Administration** activity administers the acquisition of lands throughout the National Park System in a responsible and accountable way ensuring compliance with existing guidelines and laws.

APPLICABLE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE MISSION GOALS

- Ia Natural and cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored and maintained in good condition and managed within their broader ecosystem and cultural context.
- Ila Visitors safely enjoy and are satisfied with the availability, accessibility, diversity, and quality of park facilities, services, and appropriate recreational opportunities.
- IVa The National Park Service uses current management practices, systems, and technologies to accomplish its mission.

FY 2001 Enacted Program: \$11,475,000

Land Acquisition Administration funds are used to staff land acquisition offices at seven program centers, three project offices, the Washington National Program Center, and the Washington Office. The funds are used to cover personnel and administrative costs such as salaries, personnel benefits, utilities, training, employee relocation, supplies, materials and equipment for the administration, implementation, coordination, and evaluation of the land acquisition program of the National Park Service.

Performance Goals

Long-term Goal IVa8	By September 30, 2005, the average time between the appropriation and offer of just compensation is 171 days (a 5% decrease from 1997 level of 180 days).
Annual Goal IVa8	By September 30, 2002, the average time between the appropriation and offer of just compensation is 171 days (a 5% decrease from 1997 level of 180 days).

Land Acquisition Administration Performance Information	FY 2000 Actual	FY 2001 Estimate	FY 2002 Estimate
Average number of days between the appropriation for land acquisition and when an offer is made.	246	173	171
Percent reduction from baseline 180 days between the appropriation for land acquisition and when an offer is made.	-173%	4%	5%

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JUSTIFICATION OF FY 2002 BUDGET REQUEST FOR LAND ACQUISITION ADMINISTRATION

	2002 Budget Request	Program Changes (+/-)
Land Acquisition Administration \$(000)	11,975	+257

The FY 2002 request for Land Acquisition Administration is \$11.975 million and 156 FTE, which represents an increase of \$500,000 and two FTE over the FY 2001 enacted level. Of this amount, \$243,000 is considered uncontrollable costs resulting from the anticipated January 2002 Federal pay raise. Funds to cover two additional realty specialists are also requested. These positions are required to address the additional workload generated through the increased level of appropriation authorized by the Land Conservation, Preservation and Infrastructure Program.

It is estimated that \$2.8 million of the fiscal year 2002 request for Land Acquisition Administration will be used to continue the land acquisition program at Big Cypress National Preserve and Everglades National Park in support of the Everglades restoration effort. While no new funds for National Park Service Federal land acquisition are being requested for these two projects in fiscal year 2002, ongoing work in support of the land acquisition program needs to continue. The Florida land acquisition office will continue to work on acquisitions at the Big Cypress Addition. The office will also commence work on identifying the thousands of outstanding third-party mineral interests that have been slated for acquisition and retiring the thousands of tracts completed in past years.